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SUBJECT: GOC PROPOSAL FOR BILATERAL MEETING ON ENERGY
ISSUES

1. ON TWO RECENT OCCASIONS, ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES (EMR) MINISTER GILLESPIE HAS RAISED WITH THE AMBASSADOR THE DESIRABILITY OF RESUMING U.S./CANADIAN MEETINGS FOR REVIEW OF CURRENT ENERGY ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST. EMR ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER HUNT REPEATED THIS SUGGESTION IN CONVERSATION WITH DCM ON NOVEMBER 17. HUNT NOTED THAT KEY OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN FULLY OCCUPIED IN RECENT MONTHS BY GAS PIPELINE NEGOTIATIONS, FORMATION OF NEW DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY IN U.S., AND PREOCCUPATION (IN U.S.) WITH PRESIDENT'S ENERGY PROGRAM. HOWEVER, HE SUGGESTED TIME MIGHT BE RIPE FOR MEETING IN EARLY 1978.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH HUNT SINGLED OUT EAST COAST REFINERY CAPACITY AS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO CANADA (THEY HAVE EXCESS CAPACITY WHILE U.S. FACILITIES ARE INSUFFICIENT TO MEET CURRENT NEEDS), WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE A
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BROADER EXCHANGE, ADDRESSING ALSO:

A. GAS:

- PARAMETERS OF U.S. MARKET IN LIGHT ENERGY LEGISLATION,
- POTENTIAL FOR INCREASED EXPORTS TO U.S.,
- PRECONSTRUCTION OF NORTHERN PIPELINE,
- CANADIAN EXPORT PRICING.

B. OIL

- TRANSPORTATION -- OPTIONS FOR WEST COAST OIL PORT,
- SUPPLY FOR NORTHERN TIER REFINERS,
- OIL EXCHANGES,
- NORTHEAST STRATEGIC STORAGE (WABANEX,ETC.)
- USE OF EXCESS REFINERY CAPACITY IN MARITIMES.

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C. R&D COOPERATION:

- RECOVERY FROM SHALE, HEAVY OIL AND TAR SAND FORMATIONS --
- IN SITU PROCESSING,
- FRACTURING GAS FORMATIONS.

D. COAL:

- FUTURE TRADE RELATIONSHIP.

E. ELECTRICITY EXCHANGES.

3. AS FOR TIMING, MEETING MIGHT BE POSSIBLE IN LATE
JANUARY AFTER ACTION ON ENERGY BILL HAS BEEN COMPLETED.
WHETHER MEETING SHOULD BE HELD AT MINISTERIAL OR STAFF
LEVEL COULD BE DETERMINED LATER.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE FOR RESPONSE TO GOC.
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